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## ST. LOUIS WOMAN HAS LARGE COLLECTION OF AUTOGRAPHS.

Mrs. N. C. Fish's Hobby Is to Get Signatures and Photographs of America's Celebrities—List Includes Those of Authors, Composers, Ministers, Politicians, Actors and Prize Fighters—An Invalid for Eighteen Years, She Spends Most of Her Time in Securing Collections, Which Is a Great Pleasure.

Among St. Louis's autograph collectors probably no one has a more voluminous collection of signatures and mementos from notable Americans than Mrs. N. C. Fish of No. 628 Castleman avenue, widow of Bowen G. Fish, formerly a Texas railroad man.

Mrs. Fish, who has been an invalid for eighteen years, has spent much of that period in writing to celebrities whom she admired. Most of them are theatrical persons, politicians, musicians, and, in fact, any person who came in daily touch with the public eye.

The experience of getting the autographs brings her the greatest pleasure. For Mrs. Fish, who is now in her sixties, and she declares she would not part with her treasure for love or money.

She does not really know how many autographs she has, although, she says, with signatures and photographs which she often receives along with requests for photographs, she has enough to keep her busy rummaging for a couple of days should she at any time desire to overhaul her possessions.

Mrs. Fish's penchant for obtaining the signatures of notable persons was born of her affliction, which requires her to sit all day at her window, practically the only way she could get it to accept his typewritten name, as Sullivan could not write.

"I had to have some way of passing the time away besides reading, and I found that communicating with the people of the day, the ones we are continually hearing of, served as an excellent diversion," she said.

"It really means pleasure that I can tell you," she continued, "on account of the uncertainty of getting the signatures you mostly covet. When you write, the anticipation of receiving an answer is itself a sensation, but the receipt of the same brings the same satisfaction as when he has well performed a task and has received his reward."

Mrs. Fish attributes much of her success in gaining signatures to the fact that she explains that she is a cripple, and that collecting autographs is her only amusement. Sometimes, like all collectors, she has her troubles, which she overcomes by persistently making her requests until they are heard from.

Mrs. Fish is a remarkably bright woman, and is more in touch with the events of the day than the average business man. As indicated by some of the answers to her letters, she has the power of inducing others to write for her autographs through their weakest point, vanity.

E. H. Southern, the well-known American actor, wrote, after receiving a request for his signature:

"My Dear Mrs. Fish: You really must have missed the Blumsky show."

Mrs. Fish was born in Dublin, Ireland, and her letters to her own countrymen are flattering. Mrs. Southern's letter was presented by Mrs. Fish to a group of her friends as a descendant of a distinguished Irish gentleman, was a thorough type of the product of the little Emerald Isle.

The home of Mrs. Fish is decorated with the photographs of famous men of her country. Among them are John Russell, William A. Bennett and many lesser lights who are comparatively well known.

One of Mrs. Fish's latest acquisitions, however, is Victor Herbert, who having struck a bond of sympathy with her, wrote her a letter, and she has immediately written to him asking him to write her a letter.

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## GENERAL MILES SUGGESTS PLAN FOR WORLD'S PEACE.

Partial Disarmament of Nations Is Possible, Practicable and Most Desirable, He Says—One Soldier to Every Thousand of Population Not a Menace—United States Should Be First for Universal Peace.

The Republic Bureau, Washington, Aug. 9.—International peace was the dominant thought of Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles, commanding the army of the United States, as he sat at his desk in army headquarters today before the hour for his formal retirement and before the hour for his departure for the West. It was a trying and at the same time a great day in the life of the veteran of many wars. Warfare had been his profession from his early youth, and now, at the hour of his retirement from active service, it was the peace of the earth which occupied his mind.

Partial disarmament of the nations of the world, in the opinion of Lieutenant General Miles, is today possible, practicable and most desirable.

In speaking of this policy and the general mission of the world's armies, General Miles said:

"To keep the world's peace and to restore peace with the least possible delay and sacrifice of life and property when there occurs or should be the true mission of the world's armies. An army should, therefore, be adequate to the growth, development and necessities of a nation.

"In the first of my annual reports, that of 1897, and in my subsequent reports from year to year, I have earnestly advocated a principle, which seems to me to be safe and logical, by which to determine the strength of our regular military establishment. It is based on the population of the United States.

"In my opinion, one skilled, trained soldier to every 1,000 of population cannot be a menace to the established liberties and free institutions of this great republic.

"This principle, I am gratified to say, the Government has adopted in its present policy, and I hope it will be maintained in the future.

"But I would go further. With our increased responsibilities as a nation we are

well known surgeon is stricken Down While on Way to His Home.

BORN IN ST. LOUIS IN 1830.

Served as Surgeon in United States Navy for Two Years—Funeral Arrangements Not Made.

Doctor Washington West, who was born in St. Louis 72 years ago, died from the effects of an apoplectic stroke at his home at No. 26 North King's highway, at 6:15 Sunday morning.

Doctor West was stricken at the corner of Market and Eighth streets Saturday afternoon while on his way to take a car for his home. He fell to the pavement, and he was taken to the City Dispensary, where his injuries were temporarily dressed, and then at his own request he was taken to his home, where he was attended by Doctor David B. Booth of No. 5107 Morgan street.

Doctor West remained conscious until

he died. He was a well-known physician in St. Louis, and he had been practicing for many years.

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necessarily more concerned about the condition of the world's peace. In my travels through Europe and my inspection of the armies of the world, I have frequently wondered whether militarism is approaching the millennium. In certain countries the burden of a great army has become most oppressive to the people and year after year millions of dollars are expended in maintaining the nation on an elaborate and extensive footing.

A great step in the interest of the world's peace was taken by the Czar of Russia in calling the Peace Conference at the Hague in 1894. A proposition for a reduction of the armaments of the world powers emanating from a European Power is inevitably misinterpreted or misunderstood. The political reasons of the countries of Europe are so interwoven that it is difficult for one of them to take the lead in a peace movement like this.

I believe that to the United States is given a great opportunity in these early days of the century. Having found satisfactory this principle of regulating the strength of our army by the size of our population, we are now in a position to lead the world to the outside world.

"I should like to see a great international congress called at the instance of this republic to meet in its national capital and in its name to discuss the reduction of the armaments of the world. The nations of the world would remain practically the same and the people of many European nations would be relieved of the enormous military burden they now carry.

"I believe this plan is entirely feasible. In my travels around the world I have frequently found a sentiment favoring at least a reduction of armaments on August 22, at which time it is said important steps will be taken in regard to the future policy of the Chautauqua.

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Board of Directors to Meet August 22 to Consider Advantages of Holding Three Months Session.

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## REVEALS WHOLESALE SYSTEM OF MERCANTILE MURDER.

"King of the Ghouls" at Indianapolis Says That the Organized Gang of "Body Snatchers" Killed Six Persons, Whose Bodies Were Sold to Medical Colleges—Tells Ghoulish Story, Which May Lead to More Arrests—Two Murder Mysteries Apparently Cleared by Confession.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Indianapolis, Aug. 9.—Declaring that his conscience would not allow him to longer remain silent, Rufus Cantrel, the "King of the Ghouls," now serving a sentence in the Indiana Reformatory, has revealed a wholesale system of mercantile murder and grave robbing in which he and confederates took part and by which the medical colleges were supplied with bodies for dissection.

Now with this member of the band and now with that, he confesses that within the last two years he participated in or was directly cognizant of the taking of six human lives in pursuance of the plan. Two of the cases he names are the killing of a policeman named Watterman and Carrie Selvaige, both of which were great mysteries.

Cantrel's confession is full, and the details so well coincide with facts in possession of the police that the authorities are not only inclined to believe him, in spite of the astounding character of the revelations, but they are ready to take him at his word to tell. His confession, carefully kept secret so far as other names are concerned, has been sent to the Attorney General, and will undoubtedly come through the proper channels for investigation.

From the little that has been made public, it is known that Cantrel said that while the robbery of the cemeteries in and around Indianapolis was at its height, and the men were receiving \$30 for each body, they began to object to the work required in exhumation. It was then that the plan to kill in order to supply bodies was adopted. He clears up the mysterious murder of Policeman Watterman, who was killed around Indianapolis, and the murder of Carrie Selvaige, who was killed in a little room in the city.

The mysterious disappearance of Carrie Selvaige was also cleared up when Cantrel declared that the woman, who became demoralized, was walking along the road between South Junction and Indianapolis.

ELIZABETH READEY'S FUNERAL.

Daughter of Bart Readey Dies From Stomach Trouble.

Elizabeth Readey, the 7-year-old daughter of Bart Readey, was buried from the family residence, No. 388 Page boulevard, yesterday morning at 10 o'clock.

The child's death was sudden. She was stricken late Wednesday afternoon with an acute stomach trouble, which is supposed to have been accompanied by a stage of typhoid fever, which the child went through several years ago, and which it is believed, affected the intestines.

Several hours after the illness asserted itself the child entered a coma, in which she remained until she died Friday morning.

The funeral took place at Rock Church, the Reverend Father Mahoney officiating. The children of the Rock Church school attended the service and marched before the child's coffin as a tribute to the little one, who was well known to most of them. The interment took place at Calvary cemetery.

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CLAIMS SHE WAS ASSAULTED.

Miss Maud Sullivan Causes Arrest of John Williamson.

Miss Maud Sullivan, of No. 1519 South Third street, caused the arrest of John Williamson, Saturday night for an assault, she alleges, committed as she was passing the residence of Dr. J. H. Eddleman, on Barry street.

Miss Sullivan claims that Williamson struck her in the face with his fist, and she was thrown to the ground. She was taken to the City Dispensary and later to the City Hospital.

FALLS 40 FEET ON HIS HEAD.

Felix Sherry Walks Out of Window While Asleep.

While asleep Felix Sherry walked through a window of the room on the third floor of the Grand Central hotel, No. 715 Market street, early yesterday morning.

Sherry, 44 years of age, and a native of St. Louis, was found lying on the sidewalk, his head on the ground, and his body covered with blood.

He was taken to the City Dispensary and later to the City Hospital.

They were in a buggy. They took the woman to the home of Cantrel's pal, in Westfield. The appearance of the woman created a sensation, and the ghouls became alarmed.

"One dark night," says Cantrel in his confession, "she was sneaked to my house and then afterward he (Cantrel's pal) chloroformed her until she died. We took her body to the Union Chapel cemetery. There it was placed in a grave we had